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## For Immediate Release

## **Excise Officers Arrest 71 in Muncie**

**MUNCIE, Ind. (Aug. 17)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 71 people on 88 charges in Muncie this weekend.

On Friday, 47\* people were arrested on 49 charges, including illegal possession of alcohol, false statement of age and resisting law enforcement.

Brennen Kreig, 18, of Portland, was jailed after he fled from police near the intersection of Neely and New York. Kreig was apprehended after a foot chase and preliminarily charged with illegal possession of alcohol and resisting law enforcement.

Of those arrested Friday, four adults were charged with furnishing alcohol to minors.

On Saturday, 24 were arrested on 39 charges, including resisting law enforcement, illegal possession of alcohol, furnishing alcohol to a minor, possession of false ID, misuse of license, minor in tavern, false informing and false statement of age.

Ryan Dues, 20, of Colwater, Ohio, was jailed when he resisted arrest after a police officer saw him drinking from a can of beer near the intersection of Locust and Carson. Dues was preliminarily charged with illegal possession of alcohol and resisting law enforcement.

Several people were also issued traffic tickets Friday and Saturday, including open container violations.

Arrests were down on Saturday after @ExcisePolice sent this Tweet Saturday afternoon: "Excise officers will be patrolling in Muncie again tonight. Last night, 45 people were arrested/cited on alcohol-related charges."

Fall semester classes begin tomorrow at Ball State University.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

\*Note: Correct total is 47 people on Friday night, not 45.